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2019 TOP VALUES

RICH WHITES

Chardonnay maintains its pride of place as one of the world's most popular wines, delivering intense, juicy and expressive whites. From California and Washington to Italy, Chile and Australia to the grape's home in France's Burgundy region, distinctive versions are being produced at affordable prices. For other rounder, fuller wines, Spain offers multiple examples from native grapes, while Chenin Blanc—from France's Loire Valley as well as South Africa—is winning over more and more wine lovers.



92 \$25 ARNAUD LAMBERT Saumur White Bréze Clos de Midi 2017 | *France* | This offers a juicy mouthful of yellow apple, white peach and honeysuckle notes. Vibrant and detailed, with a lively finish laced with quinine and lemon peel accents.—*J.M.*

91 \$16 FRANKLIN TATE Chardonnay Margaret River 2018 | *Australia* | Features a mouthwatering, intense and distinctive mix of pineapple juice, dried mango and citrus flavors, set on a sleek body, with orange blossom and nutmeg details on the finish.—*M.W.*

91 \$20 LAVAU Côtes du Rhône-Villages White Valréas Domaine La Décelle Reserve 2018 | *France* | A shortbread frame around the flavors of lemon curd, grapefruit peel, star fruit and peach provides nice contrast, with the finish showing good cut. Viognier and Marsanne.—*J.M.*

91 \$22 BODEGAS AS LAXAS Albariño Rias Baixas 2018 | *Spain* | Smooth and dense, offering peach, honeydew, tarragon and blanched almond flavors, with juicy tangerine acidity backed by briny and mineral notes. Harmonious and intense.—*T.M.*

